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SRI S. RAMALINGAM:—" இந்த நூற்றியோரு ட்யூப் கிணறுகளை வெட்டுவதற்கு பணம் அதிகம் செலவாகியிருப்பதால் தண்ணீர் வரி இவைகளுக்கு வசூலிக்கப்படுகிறது என்று கனம் மந்திரி அவர்கள் சொன்னார்கள். இப்பொழுது சர்க்காருக்கு ஏற்பட்ட செலவு பூராவையும் தண்ணீர் தீர்வையாக வசூலிக்கச் சர்க்கார் உத்தேசிக்கிறதா ? அப்படியானால் எவ்வளவு வருஷத்திற்குள் சர்க்கார் அதனை வசூலிக்க உத்தேசித்துக்கொண்டிருக்கிறார்கள் ? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I think it will be a permanent levy on these lands so long as those lands get the benefit of these tube-wells."

SRI S. C. C. ANTHONY PILLAI :—" May I know what the actual cost of sinking of these 101 tube-wells is and what is the amount collected as a result of this cess? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" The total cost is Rs. 6,89,147. The average cost works out to Rs. 5,692 per well. We are just now collecting the levy, Sir."

SRI P. SELVARAJ :—" Sir, this question does not contain anything to show that it refers merely to the South Arcot district. That being so, may I know whether any wells were sunk in other districts and whether there was any failure? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" So far, these tube-wells have been taken up only in South Arcot district."

Stock of ammonium sulphate with the Sales Society, Tindivanam.

* 29 *Q.*—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state the results of the examination of the matter referred to in the answer to clauses (*b*) and (*c*) of the answer to starred question No. 566, dated 16th July 1953?

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" The matter referred to in the previous starred question relates to the deficit in the stock of ammonium sulphate entrusted to the Tindivanam Sale Society. An enquiry into the matter revealed that the final actual deficit was about 525 lb. after the sale of 1,140 bags in loose quantities. There was a likelihood of some wastage occurring due to sale in loose quantities. Hence no action was considered necessary in this matter."

' Bhagavath Gita ' edited by Sri Anna.

* 30 *Q.*—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state, with reference to answer to the starred question No. 1006, dated 27th July 1953, whether the book Bhagavath Gita edited by one Sri Anna and published by Sri Ramakrishna Mutt, Mylapore, Madras, was prohibited from use in the libraries of local boards and panchayat boards?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" The answer is in the negative."

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Sri K. ARANGANATHAN :—" May I know whether the local library authorities of North Arcot, Chingleput, Madras and other districts have prohibited the use of this book, edited by one Sri Anna, in their respective libraries, mistaking the name ' Anna ' for that of Sri Annathurai? "

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" No, Sir. As a matter of fact, we have recommended this book, to all the local authorities, to be used in their libraries. I do not think there is any such prohibition by any local authority."

House-sites for Harijans in Malabar.

* 31 *Q.*—Sri M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Animal Husbandry be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many Harijans in Malabar applied for house-sites during the last three years and how many applications have been disposed of; and

(*b*) whether the Government have under consideration any proposal for the appointment of a special officer in Malabar district to deal with cases of acquisition of house-sites for Harijans?

The Hon. Sri V. C. PALANISWAMI GOUNDER :—

" (*a*) Twenty-five applications were received by the Collector of Malabar. Eight cases are under enquiry and land acquisition proceedings have been taken in three cases. The remaining applications have been rejected.

" (*b*) The proposal is under consideration."

Sri M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" May I know whether any single application has been completely disposed of? The Hon. Minister said that Land Acquisition Proceedings are being taken. We have had instances of such proceedings being taken abolished and then again being taken. In this manner, these questions have been pending for 6 or 7 years and the usual complaint of the authorities is that there is no special staff."

The Hon. Sri V. C. PALANISWAMI GOUNDER :—" The Collector has reported as follows :—
' 14 cases were rejected for the following reasons . . . .' "

Sri M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" I want to know whether any single petition has been finally disposed of till now."

Sri P. G. MANICKAM :—" ஹரிஜனங்களுக்கு மனைக்கட்டுகள் வழங்குவதில் அதிகமான தகராறுகள் எல்லா ஜில்லாக்களிலும் இருப்பதால் அதை கவனிப்பதற்கு ஒரு ஸ்பெஷல் ஆபீசரை நியமிக்க ஹரிஜன இலாகா மந்திரி அவர்கள் நடவடிக்கை எடுப்பாரா ?"

The Hon. Sri V. C. PALANISWAMI GOUNDER :—" In almost every district, there is a Harijan Welfare Officer and one of his main duties is to arrange for the acquisition of house-sites for Harijans."